orator. ‘ It belongs to the mind as well as ‘ the nerves.’

But this kind of excluſive affection, though it degrades the individual, ſhould not be brought forward as a proof of the inferiority of the ſex, becauſe it is the natural conſequence of confined views: for even women of ſuperior ſenſe, having their attention turned to little employments, and private plans, rarely riſe to heroiſm, unleſs when ſpurred on by love; and love, as an heroic paſſion, like genius, appears but once in an age. I therefore agree with the moraliſt who aſſerts, ‘ that women have ſeldom ſo much genero- ‘ ſity as men;’ and that their narrow affections, to which juſtice and humanity are often ſacrificed, render the ſex apparently inferior, eſpecially, as they are commonly inſpired by men; but I contend that the heart would expand as the underſtanding gained ſtrength, if women were not depreſſed from their cradles.

I know that a little ſenſibility, and great weakneſs, will produce a ſtrong ſexual attachment, and that reaſon muſt cement friendſhip; conſequently, I allow that more friendſhip is to be found in the male than the fe-

male world, and that men have a higher ſenſe of juſtice. The excluſive affections of women ſeem indeed to reſemble Cato's moſt unjuſt love for his country. He wiſhed to cruſh Carthage, not to ſave Rome, but to promote its vain-glory; and, in general, it is to ſimilar principles that humanity is ſacrificed, for genuine duties ſupport each other.

Beſides, how can women be juſt or generous, when they are the ſlaves of injuſtice?

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As the rearing of children, that is, the laying a foundation of ſound health both of body and mind in the riſing generation, has juſtly been inſiſted on as the peculiar deſtination of woman, the ignorance that incapacitates them muſt be contrary to the order of things. And I contend that their minds can take in much more, and ought to do ſo, or they will never become ſenſible mothers. Many men attend to the breeding of horſes, and overlook the management of the ſtable, who would, ſtrange want of ſenſe and feeling! think themſelves degraded by paying